

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



APPLICANT : MAX ABECASSIS
SERIAL NO : 07/832,335 EXAMINER : LISA CHAROUEL
FILED : 02/07/92 GROUP ART UNIT : 2611
FOR : VARIABLE CONTENT VIDEO PROGRAM

PROVISIONAL ELECTION WITH TRAVERSAL

Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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In response to the restriction requirement, Paper No. 9, mailed June 15, 1993, Applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group I (claims 1-11 and 39-42) drawn to a video editing system. This election is made provisionally and with traverse.

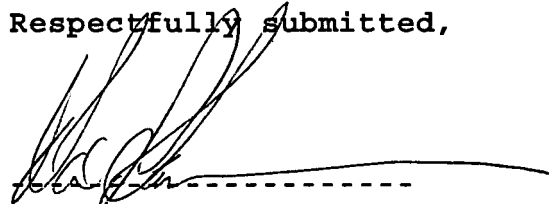
Specifically, under MPEP §803, the Examiner must examine an entire application on the merits if a search and examination can be made without "serious burden." This requirement to examine the entire application exists even though the application may contain claims drawn to distinct or independent inventions.

In the restriction requirement, it has not been demonstrated how the examination of several species respectively located in Classes 360, 358, 352 and 455 would result in a "serious burden"

under §803. Applicant submits that the species are related, and that a thorough search conducted on the claims of Group I would also likely include the same search areas and prior art which pertain to the claims of Groups II-IV. Thus, the searches would not be so disparate as to involve a "serious burden." Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that the examination of all claims on the merits be conducted.

In the event the Examiner has any questions pertaining to this election or to the application in general, Examiner is urged to contact Applicant at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,



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July 13, 1993